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THANKS

We feel that 1915 should not pass without an expression from us of thanks and appreciation for the pleasant business relations we have had with you during the year and it will be our aim and endeavor during the coming year to merit a continuance of your kind favors. We extend you our heartiest wishes for a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

WALKER HARDWARE COMPANY
Lutesville, Missouri

Southeast News.

Moreley Banner.

Joseph H. Moore, one of Scott county's pioneer citizens died at his home in Commerce Tuesday at the advanced age of 79 years, 6 months and 9 days.

New Madrid Record.

We have information that Henry Tanner, a farmer living in Pemiscot county, accidentally killed his wife last Saturday night. Tanner had a .22 calibre rifle, which he didn't know was loaded, and in hanging it up the gun was discharged, the ball taking effect behind the lady's ear, killing her instantly.

Jackson Items.

On Monday a stranger, claiming to be a Syrian, grew rather hilarious and bragged of his mental and physical equipment. The marshal invited him to sleep in the city lodging house and next morning on being presented by the mayor with the bill amounting to \$11.25, he paid up without saying anything.

Campbell Citizen.

The city dads last Friday night decided to raise the city license from the present rate to \$50 per annum to all dealers in cigarettes and cigarette papers. The council is divided on the subject. Some favor a \$100 license, or a prohibitive tax on the dealers in such stuff. Just what they will finally do in the matter we are unable to say.

Moreley Banner.

The town was surprised when on Friday afternoon the news was brought that Mr. Dillinger, living alone in the southwest edge of town, was found dead on his bed. It seems that he had prepared his meal but had not eaten. Whether he died from natural causes or from foul play is not known. Some seem to think the latter, as he had been robbed of about \$30 some time back.

Poplar Bluff Citizen-Democrat.

Timber wolves are getting extremely plentiful in northern and eastern Butler county. Farmers in the more thinly settled districts are making many complaints about the animals, and a good deal of stock has been lost by their ravages. People in the smaller towns state that the night is made dismal by the beasts' howling. Timber wolves are very hard to kill, as they only venture out at night.

Sikeston Herald.

John Monzyk of Washington, Franklin county, Mo., who has been here for several days buying corn cobs from different farmers in the vicinity of Sikeston and Portageville, having purchased enough sacks to make two car loads from two points, went home Wednesday afternoon. He expects another car load each from Sikeston and Portageville in a few days. The cob pipe factory at Washington, Mo., is the largest in the world and they employ 112 men per day.

Desloge Sun.

A four-year old child of John Degonia, who lives in Flat River was burned to death Monday night. We are informed that one of the larger children was burning a piece

comment which resulted in the above suit.

Bloomfield Vindicator.

Thursday morning a large gray wolf was seen crossing Mrs. Weaver's farm, about two miles southeast of this city, and disappeared into the hills. Charlie Corlew, one of the neighbor boys, was immediately informed, and taking his dogs went to the place where the wolf had crossed the field. The dogs immediately struck the scent, and had the wolf at bay within ten minutes. Charlie, who was armed with a pump-gun, gave the animal a charge of "BB's" knocking it down and the dogs finished the work. The animal was an unusually large one.

Illmo Zimpfante.

Fred Ladure, 21 years of age was accidentally shot in the side by shot gun shells, near Commerce Monday morning at 10 o'clock. He lived until 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Ladure was lifting several boxes of shells out of a buggy and loading them on his arm when the explosion occurred. Two boxes of the shells were already in the hollow of his arm when he reached to the back end of the buggy and got a third box. When he placed it on the other two there was a loud report, all but 3 or 4 of the shells in the box of 25 exploding. The young man fell to the ground. His brother, sister and mother ran to him and carried him into the house.

Caruthersville Argus.

According to estimates furnished by W. J. Peck, who is making up a consolidated back tax book for the years 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, there are taxes due on real estate to an approximate total of \$40,000 and nearly \$15,000 on personal lists. Our people who can not understand why county warrants are not payable in cash should ponder over the facts stated. If all the back taxes were collected, it is probable that practically every fund in the county would be on a cash basis and the schools would have ample money for the payment of teachers and other expenses. After the tax book is filed, it is probable many suits will be begun to collect the delinquent real estate taxes.

Greenville Journal.

Rev. J. W. Duncan, who has been the presiding officer at a good many matrimonial matches, had the unusual experience Saturday afternoon of making man and wife of a couple who did not audibly promise to either love, cherish or obey. The groom was Ernest Innes of Savannah, Mo., the bride, Miss Leona Boyer, who lives on Otter creek on Piedmont rural route number one. Each of the contracting parties were mutes and former students of the Missouri deaf and dumb school at Fulton. It was there that acquaintance ripened into love, for Cupid is as proficient in finger talk as he is in any other kind. The ceremony took place at one o'clock Saturday day afternoon in the office of Circuit Clerk Barrow.

Fredericktown Democrat-News.

The law firm of Anthony & Davis will sever their connection with the Iron Mountain railroad as district attorneys on January 1. Their work as district attorneys took so much of their time from their private practice that they could not longer afford to continue in the service of the railroad at the salary paid by the company. These gentlemen have become widely known in railroad circles and among the people in various counties of southeast Missouri as lawyers of ability and who promptly and expeditiously looked after the legal affairs of the railroad company. We are informed that the management of the company regret very much to lose their valuable services. The firm has built up a large private

practice in this and adjoining counties and to which they will devote their entire time in the future. We bespeak for them the great success which has attended their professional efforts in the past. The district over which Messrs. Anthony & Davis worked will be attached to another district and one man will give his entire attention to it.

Fredericktown Democrat-News.

Never since the North American company plant closed down has the outlook for an early resumption of operations been so bright as at the present time. The Democrat-News learned this week that option papers on two tracts of land adjoining the original property have been drawn. One is the tract belonging to the Security bank and the other is owned by Gus Villars. The papers are made out in the name of the North American owner, Mr. O'Brien, who is expected here this week or next. In the meantime Littleton & Son are working on the job of putting the drills in shape and John Venable has resigned his position at Mine la Motte in order to take charge of one of the drills. A car of coal has been ordered for the use of the drills. It is thought that the drilling will begin on the optioned land rather than on the original property. The people of Fredericktown and southeast Missouri will watch the new development with great interest. A start of the mine would create such a boom in this city as has never been seen in this section before.

The Carlton-Marvin College Consolidation

The Joint Commission heretofore created by the St. Louis Annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the purpose of consolidating Carleton and Marvin colleges, met in St. Louis last Tuesday and took definite action as to the consolidation of these two colleges.

At a former meeting of this commission a joint committee was appointed to visit both Farmington and Fredericktown and view the whole college situation and fix a value upon each college plant. This they did and their report is on file with the commission.

Last Tuesday the commission by resolution unanimously adopted, appointed another joint committee to ascertain whether or not each college plant could be sold and for what price. If only one college plant could be sold for enough or more to cover the joint indebtedness on both plants, then the excess to be given to the plant retained, and it was thought best to take the net proceeds, after paying all past debts, and locate the joint college at some other point.

It seems that some definite action will be taken, and it behooves the people of Farmington to "get busy" and try to "land" this college, for if the two great Methodist bodies get back of a college it will be one of the best educational institutions in the state.

Farmington, wake up—Farmington News.

State Associations Meet at M. U. Farmers' Week.

TWENTY-ONE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL HOLD ANNUAL SESSIONS AT COLUMBIA JANUARY 3 TO 7.

Meetings of the Missouri Corn Growers' association, the Missouri Country Life conference, the Missouri Home Makers' conference and eighteen other state associations will be held at Columbia Farmers' week at the University of Missouri, January 3-7. The afternoon, from 1:30 to 6 o'clock, of each day will be given over to these organizations. Many of the associations will have meetings every day of the week, while some are scheduled for only

one meeting and a few will hold both separate and joint sessions.

Here is a list of other state associations that will meet at Columbia: Missouri Women Farmers' club, Missouri State Grange, Missouri Farm Management association, State Dairy association, Association of County and District Fair managers, South west Jersey Breeders' association, Missouri Sheep Breeders' association, Missouri Draft Horse Breeders' association, Missouri Cattle, Swine and Sheep Feeders' association, State Holstein Breeders' association, Missouri Saddle Horse Breeders' association, Missouri Farmers' Exchange Association of County Farm Bureau boards, Dorset Jersey Breeders' association, Poland China Breeders' association, Hampshire Breeders' association, Chester White Breeders' association and Missouri Appliance society.

The list of men who will talk on the evening programs of Farmers' week includes Dr. A. Ross Hill, Wm. Hirth, publisher of the Missouri Farmer, David Lubin, American delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy, John H. Atwood, H. J. Waters, Perry G. Holden, James E. Poole of the Chicago Live Stock World, Dr. D. E. Luckey, state veterinarian, M. L. McClure, president National Live stock exchange of the United States.

A banquet at Rutwell gymnasium will close the week's program. Plates will be laid for one thousand persons. The banquet will be made a "made in the College of Agriculture" affair. Surprise, a yearling steer, a prize winner at the Missouri State fair and at the American Royal Live Stock show has been slaughtered to supply the meat. The banquet will be prepared and served by the girls of the home economics department, assisted by men from the College of Agriculture.

A Christmas Query.

Over nineteen hundred years ago in a kahn of Bethlehem, says the Dexter Statesman, an obscure village of Judea, there came into this world a Presence that has given all the sabbinary life a new meaning. That one whose gospel was to be "to the Jew a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to them who believe, the power of God and the wisdom of God" has so informed the entire mass of human thought, that the universe reckons the time of various events according to his birth. He entered man's heart through the breach of babyhood, and made his advent into human history thru the portal of poverty, thus forever riveting our attention on the cradle as the strategic point of human life and forever adorning with a halo the home of the poor.

What says Christmas to you? To me it says, "Take your flowers off the coffin and bestow them where the Wise Men bestowed their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh—on the cradle." Begin with man when man begins. Train the twig and the vine will be properly posited. Quit robbing childhood of its divine rights to pure parentage and a home that's a Heaven instead of a hell. It's hard for the daughter of a roue to be a Diana for chastity, and next to impossible for the son of a harlot to see sacredness in anything. Blood will tell. We can't REFORM a race that needs REGENERATION—building anew from the ground up.

To me it says, "Don't measure men by their means or meanness." Out of the homes of poverty have come most of our mountainous characters, the salt of the earth, men and women who have ruled realms and wrought wonders. Poverty is an asset since the Man of Galilee and, since the newspaper supplies gilded the manger of Bethlehem with a light fairer far than any that had hitherto shone on sea or soil—the ineffable glory of One who held Youth's Companion.

of things in his hand, but dropped them that he might grasp you and me and lift us back again into the lap of God.

To me the moral of this Christmas-tide is that you and I have the privilege as deputy Christs of helping the world bear its burdens, knowing that thereby only do we ourselves grow great.—Dexter Statesman.

Read This, You Croaker

New York, Dec. 17.—"Sustained activity in a majority of lines with prospects of still greater growth, typifying current trade and industrial conditions. Contrary to precedent, the larger trades do not display the customary pre-holiday characteristics that usually prevail when the time for the taxing of inventories arrives. True, there has been a lull in some sections, but activity is maintained so steadily that no such are remaining on the road longer than usual at this season and most reports agree that wholesale as well as jobbing trade is of large volume. In addition, Christmas shopping is in full swing, buying at many centers is the order of the year, regular retail trade is heavy, wearing apparel is excellent, mail order houses are doing a record business, buying for future delivery is good, industrial activity is especially noteworthy, labor is well employed at good wages, farmers, except in a few places, are prosperous, the week has seen further advances in prices for cereals, collections are good, bank clearings heavily exceed those of this time in 1913, money is in better demand and money market is heavy. "Re-orders for staples are such as to suggest that stocks had been starved, and that the new wave of prosperity has given so much of an impetus to find distribution that repeat orders keep coming in."—From Bradstreet's.

The Country Correspondent

Fortunate is the country correspondent of any newspaper. His or her work, although seldom paid for in money brings rewards that are peculiarly its own. Especially valuable is the training in observing that the correspondent acquires. The young person always on the alert for items will see and hear things that another person misses. Moreover, the country contributor has an excellent chance to form an acceptable English style. At first she may think that the stilted language and high-flown expressions are necessary. She may prefer the passive construction to the active. Mr. Smith is now building a barn; a barn is in the process of being erected on the property of Mr. Smith. But after a time the correspondent learns to adopt a more direct and telling style. In the beginning she is likely to ignore little happenings in search for "big items." The editor has to convince her that his readers like to have homely country happenings, simply described. The person who writes for the country weekly makes friends for miles around. Often those at first acquaintance seem dull and commonplace, she finds rich material beneath the surface. A young girl who wrote delightfully about some old china belonging to a poor woman near her home, attracted a buyer from the city, who paid a generous price for the beautiful old dishes. The young writer received a present from the pleased old lady, the most valuable of all. The ambitious country correspondent may send items to city newspapers and to religious and household journals. After a correspondence has become well established people write or telephone to her things they like to see in print. That makes her work easier and her writing material, even though it may not be particularly remunerative, it at least costs her nothing.—Youth's Companion.